United Nations S/2002/1410

# Security Council

Distr.: General
24 December 2002
English
Original: Arabic

## Identical letters dated 21 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 21 December 2002 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed **Salman**
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

02-75690 (E) 020103 060103

## Annex to the identical letters dated 21 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

### Activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

### Inspection activities on 21 December 2002

### I. IAEA inspection team

1. A group consisting of 11 inspectors from the IAEA team left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours. At 0910 hours it arrived at the site of the Rayah enterprise, which does materials and metals research, belongs to the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) and is located in the Taji area, some 20 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group divided into two sub-groups, one of which remained at the Rayah site while the other proceeded to the site of Al-Zahf al-Kabir. The former sub-group met with the general manager and technicians and asked about the company's operations. It then inspected the different divisions and examined equipment there. On arrival at Al-Zahf al-Kabir, also an MIC company, the second sub-group met with the general manager. The members of the sub-group asked about the company's operations, toured its various divisions and workshops, took photographs and conducted a radiometric survey of all facilities using hand-held instruments. They also took three samples of triturated aluminium for testing. The assignment was completed at 1257 hours, and they arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1325 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and arrived at Al-Nasr al-Azim State Enterprise in Dawrah at 0850 hours. The inspectors realized they had gone to the wrong place and that they should have gone to the Ibn al-Walid company in Abu Ghraib. They therefore set out for Abu Ghraib and arrived at the site at 0950 hours. The group met with the relevant officers and asked about the company and its operations. It then made a tour in which it familiarized itself with the machinery and the range of types in use. The group completed its assignment at 1210 hours and proceeded to another site. At 1230 hours it arrived at the 14 Ramadan plant of the State Enterprise for the Woollen Industry in the Kazimiyah area of Baghdad. The group asked the relevant officials at the plant about its operations and its machinery, and it made a cursory tour of the mechanical workshop and familiarized itself with the different types of machinery there. It completed its assignment at 1245 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1315 hours.

### II. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

1. A group of seven inspectors from the team left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours. At 0905 hours it arrived at one of the sites of the Faw company, which does civil engineering work on roads and bridges as well as construction, in the Sab' Abkar area of Baghdad. The group met with those in charge at the site, and members asked about the site and its ownership. The group completed its assignment at 1055 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1115 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of 14 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0835 hours. At 0955 hours it arrived at the site of the Furat company, a Ministry of Industry and Mining chemical industries company in the Saddat al-Hindiyah district, some 70 kilometres south-west of Baghdad, that had also been visited by an IAEA inspection team on 10 December. The group met with company specialists and asked about the site and its operations. It then made a cursory tour of the chemicals plant, the plastics plant and all the company's facilities, plants and buildings. The group also photographed some of the locations. A smaller group inspected the information centre and checked three of its computers. The group completed its assignment at 1330 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1445 hours.

## III. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

A team consisting of 22 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0705 hours. At 0835 hours it arrived at the Samarra' pharmaceutical plant (Ministry of Industry and Mining) some 125 kilometres north of Baghdad. It asked about any alterations to the plant since 1998 and its relations with other entities producing medicinal drugs and with research institutions. The group inspected all the plant's facilities and production buildings, checked the declarations and photographed tagged equipment. It completed its assignment at 1430 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1640 hours.

## IV. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

1. A group of 11 inspectors from the team left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours. At 0854 hours it arrived at the Fida' State Enterprise, an MIC company that does hydraulic work, in the Sayyidiyah area of Baghdad. It had also been visited by an IAEA team on 18 December. The group asked those in charge about the company, its operations and its relations with other companies. It then made a tour of inspection that included many of the company's facilities. The group also requested documentation on the company and was provided with it.

2. A second group, consisting of 15 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours. At 0940 hours it arrived at the MIC's Qa'qa State Enterprise. The site had been subject to the ongoing monitoring regime, and Special Commission inspection teams had visited it dozens of times. IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams have also visited the site on a number of occasions since inspections resumed on 27 November 2002, most recently on 16 December. The group asked about the activities of one of the company's plants and about clients for its output. It made a tour of inspection of all facilities and buildings at the site. The group completed its assignment at 1400 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1445 hours.

## V. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

A team consisting of 11 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0850 hours. At 0950 hours it arrived at the scrapyard of the Sumud State Enterprise in the Tarimiyah (Tarmiya) area, some 40 kilometres north of Baghdad. The team made a tour of inspection during which it examined rejects from the company's foundry. It photographed some of the pieces of scrap metal and parts of the reconstructed furnaces. The team completed its assignment at 1110 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1210 hours.

## VI. Communications group

1. A member of the communications group tested the lines between the National Monitoring Directorate and the Baghdad Ongoing Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Centre at the Canal Hotel.

2. At 0810 hours a two-man group proceeded to Badrah district in Wasit governorate and reconnoitred the road there. It also made a tour of the Jassan area in the same governorate. The group arrived back at the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 1217 hours.

### Remarks

The activities of the inspection teams on this day were notably intensive. The number of participating inspectors was 98, and they inspected nine sites in Baghdad and elsewhere. They conducted a radiometric survey, took samples and copied documents. They met with specialists at the sites they inspected and asked them questions, and their questions were answered.